

Dates to Remember	
Thursdays	7am-7.45am Prayer at the Church Office
Wed 18 th Sep	7pm MUP AGM
Sat 28 th Sep	5.00pm Roche Family Welcome & Induction Service



Church Office Hours: 9am - 12noon, Mon - Fri (excluding public holidays).

‘Prayer Chain’ – Any matters requiring confidential prayer support, can be referred to the Prayer Chain Group. Contact Val Judd or Elaine Oates.

Monday Bible Study – Meets at 2pm in the Church House. For more info contact Elaine Oates.

Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study – Meets at 1.30pm in the Church House. For more info contact Maureen Wilson.

‘Men’s Fellowship Breakfast Group’ – Meets at 7am on Tuesdays. Contact John Hawksworth for more info.

‘Abiding Life Course’ – Meets at 3pm on Wednesdays in the Church House. Contact Stewart Patrick for more info.

‘Womens Lunch Study Group’ – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 12noon in the Church House. Bring your lunch. Next meeting will be 5th September. Contact Amanda Lewis for more info.

Women’s ‘Growth Group’ – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 1pm, at Diane McLean’s house. Next meeting will be 5th September. Contact Elaine Oates or Diane McLean for more info.

“Prayer gives a man the opportunity of getting to know a gentleman he hardly ever meets. I do not mean his Maker, but himself.” - William Ings

Giving/Tithing - If you wish to tithe or make a donation to Mangapapa Church, our account number is: Mangapapa Church, 03-0638-0381084-00. Please make sure you say ‘tithe’ or ‘donation’ in the reference. If you would prefer to give using our ‘Envelope’ system, then see Jenny Phin who will set you up with envelopes allocated to you.

	Today	Next Sunday 8 th September
Greeters	J Phin, I McCoy	A Clement, M Wilson
Ministry Team	A Clement	S Clement
Cups of Tea	P Oram, L Hindle	N Coffey, M Smith, A Dehne-Walker
AV & Sound	D Russell / N Dunn	P Madsen / S Patrick
Counters	A Radcliffe	G Stevenson

Our motivating vision is...
‘To be His Love, Light and Life’

Communion

Sunday 1st September 2024

10am: “O land, land, land, hear the word of the LORD.”

Jeremiah 22:29 and Psalm 112

With Communion

Leading: Angela Paton

Preaching: Stewart Patrick

Duty Elder: Al Clement

Church Office: Dione Russell **06 867-9604** **9am – 12noon**

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Elders Team

Stewart Patrick: 021 047 0795 Rodney Judd: 06 863 2400 Al Clement: 027 855 5949

Kids go out with Marilyn Patrick and John Hill this morning.

If you have cold, flu or COVID-19 symptoms, please stay home and don’t share them.

'There is blessing coming to this land – Aotearoa New Zealand – Tairawhiti! I sense it, I know it, how can it not be so? A new Christian family of 4 is emigrating and winging its way 18,500km right now to us(!), MUP Church. As they travel here they bring with them the invisible presence of the Lord Jesus Christ. His right hand holding them wherever they set their feet. We look at the blessings brought by such righteous ones as described in Psalm 112. But what a contrast is a land without His presence in its people, its leaders. God's cry to that land is; *"O land, land, land, hear the word of the LORD!" Jeremiah 22:29*



Stewart writes... Tomorrow, Monday morning 9:40am at Gisborne Airport, Shane & Ali Roche with their children Izzy & Esme arrive in Gisborne, to settle, to live, to work, to love and share the gospel/good news of Jesus Christ. If you are free on Monday morning, come on out to the airport and join in the 'Haere mai welcome'. The children this morning are painting up a sign we will have out there – 'Haere Mai Roche Family!' They have had an emotional but lovely week of warm farewells from Tewkesbury Baptist Church folk, friends and family, and put in huge hours of packing up the for the Shipping Container. They were so relieved on Wednesday when it and the men arrived to pack it, that it all fitted, and so they do not have pay any extra for any 'overflow'! On Sunday morning you will see a hilarious video of a song written for them and played by a band at their Farewell Party. It's titled – **"Nobody Poaches the Roches!"** (We being the 'Poachers' of course 😊).



'Groceries for the Roche's' – Thank you so much Church! Today is our final day for groceries for the Roches, and **today it is 'perishables' we are looking for, to stock up their fridge and freezer.**



If you would like to contribute this Sunday, bring along a 'perishable' item they would eat as a family, such as cheese, milk, butter, bread, fruit, veges, yogurt – anything that would be kept in their fridge or freezer. **Or some baking** – cakes and biscuits would be great too! **Marilyn and some children will have Chilly Bins up the front of the church by the cross for your contributions, before the Service.**
Note: If there are too many of any item we will pass them on to the Foodbank.



For Prayer this Week:


- 1) **Pray for Mike Tombleson** – Mike is improving, but he has a long recovery and further treatment ahead.
- 2) **Pray for Shane & Ali Roche and family** – Their flights to NZ commence Saturday night our time, arriving 9:40am Monday in Gisborne. **Pray for a long-term Home for the Roche family to rent here, in Nov/Dec.**
- 3) **Give Thanks** – for a lovely Combined Service last Sunday with the Fijian Fellowship here. May our witness to Christ as Lord bear fruit in this community.

Update on the Research of our Stunning Gum Tree... Menno

Kluiters writes... "I've received confirmation from Mike Wilcox that the Gum is indeed *Eucalyptus parvula*. A sample has been added to the herbarium of the Auckland Museum herbarium, the largest in NZ. This species is very rare in New Zealand and I think it's safe to say that the specimen at the church could be considered the largest in the country. The common name is Small-Leaved Gum and has a very small natural range in south-eastern New South Wales where it occurs at around 1000 meters above sea level. The official description is as follows: *This is a small bushy tree usually 20-30 feet in height with short crooked trunks to 15 inches in diameter. The common open growing trees are very bushy and the width of the heavily branched and dense crown is greater than the tree height.* I measured your tree at 9.45m tall, with a spread of 12.6m and a trunk diameter of 1.01m at breast height. The measurements of the tree at Mangapapa Church are larger than the description so a large tree for this species indeed. Please let me know if anyone knows more about the tree. Also may I ask permission to add this tree to the NZ tree register, it's certainly worthy!" (Menno Kluiters – Arborist).



Help Wanted Please – A kind lady willing to assist me with whatever needed, approximately two hours, once a month. Day, time and reasons negotiable. Payment available. Please email your name and details. My details in Church Directory. Thanks, Janet Burgess.




Community Evening with Mr Shaun Brooker. Principal of Hamilton Christian School and Executive of the New Zealand Association of Christian Schools.

The purpose of Christian Schooling.

7-9pm Thursday 19th September 2024

Venue: Mangapapa Church – Atkinson Street, Gisborne





7pm
Wednesday
18th September

Mark it in your diaries now!